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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Umetco Minerals, Rim Columbus Mine, M/037/006, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 28, 1995
Time of Inspection: 10:55 - 12:20
Conditions: Clear, sunny
Participants: Ted McDougal, BLM San Juan RA; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To evaluate the current status of the mine site.

The road at the main mine site has recently been bladed or graded. There are a number of dozer tracks and some ditch/berms constructed on the site. We are not sure of the reason for these berms. Some berms seem to be for control of surface water runoff; while others appear to be a fire break around the perimeter of the site.

We first visited the pond area. Water was present in the two ponds at the time of this inspection. The building by the ponds is locked and secure. The ore pad area near the ponds has a newly constructed berm/ditch around it. We next visited the ventilation bore hole area located east of the main shaft headframe. The bore hole is covered with a fan housing at this time. There are several buildings adjacent to the borehole area which have been opened and vandalized. There are three transformers on a power pole nearby.

We next visited the old village area. This was a small village for the miners and their families. There is currently an old gremlin car body in this area. According to Ted, there used to be some trailers and much more debris here. Some of that material has been cleaned up.

We then examined the hoist house, which is secure at this time. The ore car/man cage is currently blocking access to the shaft opening.



We next visited the shower building, which appears to be secure from the outside. At about 11:40 we left the main mine site for the Rim Portal area which is located some distance away.

At the Rim portal <sup>COLUMBUS?
PORTAL</sup> is a decline with an unlocked fence over the opening. There is a small narrow gauge track leading from down in the decline up onto the old wooden loadout. Other features at this site include an old dump, some power poles and a concrete pad. Portions of the waste dump material have been washed into the drainage. Based on the wooden structures and narrow gauge track this site appears to be very old and shows no signs of recent mining activity.

We next visited the Humbug site, which is also included in this permit. The Humbug is a decline that runs underneath the dump. This site shows no signs of recent mining activity. There are several other old mine workings in this general vicinity. According to Ted, these sites have not changed much since his last visit there. Photographs were taken of the various areas visited to document the current status of the sites.

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